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Miss DeVillars Will Serve On SEC Staff



Miss Dorothy L. DeVillars of Savannah, Ga., has agreed to serve as a member of the staff of the Southeast Conference this summer during the school vacation period, working in summer camps, community relations programs, and vacation church schools.

A native of Savannah, Miss DeVillars is a graduate of that city's elementary and high schools. She continued her education at Spellman College, Atlanta, and holds an M. A. degree from Atlanta University. Presently she is an elementary teacher at the Robert W. Gadsden Elementary School, Savannah.

Miss DeVillars is a member of First Church, Savannah, where she sings in the choir and serves as adult advisor to the youth group. She also participates in the Savannah-Spellman Club, as well as in several educational organizations. She resides with her mother.

Several requests have already been received from churches desiring Miss DeVillars to work with them. And other

LENT - 1969

Ash Wednesday, February 19, is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is the season in the church year when Christians prepare themselves for the awesome, but joyful, celebration of Easter, the Day of Resurrection.

Before the resurrection, there must be the cross. Proper preparation for the resurrection requires sharing in the cross. In Lent, Christians look deeply into their own lives to determine if they are participating in the life and death of the Lord in whose resurrection they hope to share.

Just as the forty days of Lent are meant to represent Christ's forty-day temptation in the desert prior to the beginning of his ministry, our forty days of Lent are for us to prepare ourselves by penance or repentance for the glorious Easter message that God overcomes the power of evil in the world.

Lenten Observances

First Church, Nashville, observed Ash Wednesday with special services, and plans the usual Good Friday services. They cooperate with noon-day services on Wednesdays during Lent, along with other neighboring churches.

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Central Church, Atlanta, plans include:

Feb. 13 — Dr. and Mrs. Gifford Towle to speak on AFPRO.

March 6 — A service sponsored by the Social Action Committee

March 20 — A service sponsored by the Christian Education Committee

Maundy Thursday — A candlelight communion service with Tenebrae.

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The Langdale, Alabama, Church choir is planning a presentation of "The Glory of Easter" by John Peterson.

churches wishing to consider her should contact the Conference office.

Conference Youth To Meet In Huntsville

The United Church of Huntsville, Alabama, will be hosts to the 1969 Annual Meeting of SEC Youth on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, 1969, with registration beginning at 9 a. m. the first day.

"INVOLVEMENT IN CHURCH AND WORLD" will be the springboard of concern. Small groups and panels, led by the young people themselves, will enable youth and adults to think through problems of involvement, apathy and hostility as they seek to participate in the local congregation as well as in the world.

As indicated in the letter sent to pastors, church clerks, and youth advisors, the host church will provide overnight housing without extra cost to those who request it by March 1. In addition, those traveling more than 200 miles and who indicate their desire on the registration form, can be housed Friday night if they arrive in Huntsville by 10 p. m. Central Standard Time. Those preferring to stay in a motel will do so at their own expense, in addition to the \$6.00 registration fee charged to all participants.

Youth Fellowship treasurers should send the annual dues of fifty cents (50c) per member along with the registration forms, or bring it to the Annual Meeting. It should be designated

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Ministers' Convocation of the

Southeast Conference

May 5, 6, 7, 1969

at

Callaway Gardens

Pine Mountain, Ga.

All ministers and wives please reserve the above dates.

Bonanza Makes Progress

Our newest church in the Conference, Bonanza United Church of Christ at Jonesboro, near Atlanta, is making progress in growth and development.

Attendance the last Sunday in January was 127. They now have 101 members of the church.

Installation Service for new officers was held on Sunday, January 26.

During December, 9 members were received and in January 13 were received.

At present, services are held in a house chapel converted into a temporary sanctuary and also used for Sunday School classes. Started in November of 1966, the church has 86 charter members.

Rev. L. Floyd Carmack of East Tallassee, Ala., serves as minister.

In connection with the work of the church, a civic club has been formed and a recreation program developed for youth of the area. Also sponsored by the church are Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Brownies, Junior and Cadet troops.

Charleston Circular Has New Minister And New Ministry

An unusual sign appears on the front of Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, S. C.: "The Circular Congregational Church Serving the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church." This simply means that Circular Church has opened its doors of ministry beyond the confines of one denomination.

The Rev. Robert Boston is a minister in the United Presbyterian Church and came to Charleston to see what kind of ministry the United Presbyterian Church could render in Charleston, especially in the white community, since several Negro United Presbyterian churches are already located there.

The Circular Church was without a pastor at the time and has asked Mr. Boston to serve an interim minister, perhaps on a longer basis after this initial phase of discovering Circular's mission in Charleston.

Circular Church, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Boston, has already sought to discover a real mission the church can render in Charleston.

A renovation program may be undertaken in the near future

Area Minister Marries

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Pastor-at-Large for East Alabama, and Mrs. C. Carl Dollar, widow of Rev. C. Carl Dollar, were united in marriage on Sunday, January 26, 1969, at Chuckatuck, Virginia. The Rev. W. Millard Stevens, minister of the Oakland Church, officiated.

After a short honeymoon trip, the couple will be at home in Roanoke, Alabama, at 51 Lakeview Drive. Our best wishes go to this fine couple.

The Dollars were honored at the regular dinner meeting of the East Alabama Ministers on February 17, at Lanett.

Langdale Deacons Plan Community Responsibility

The deacons met at Langdale Church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon for a planning session. The church membership was organized into geographic sections for community responsibility.

These divisions fortunately provide that a deacon and/or deaconess will live in each section. The plan is designed to make us more neighborhood-minded by getting us better acquainted with the other members of our church in the neighborhood, by providing structures, organization, and leadership to help us all meet our responsibilities to our neighbors who are sick, needy, unsaved, or those who happen to be our fellow Christians.

The plan has been named the "Neighborhood Responsibility Program."

Allen B. Hollis, Pastor

Circuit Court Case Reaffirms Local Autonomy

The Circuit Court of Wayne County, Michigan, has rejected the claim of a minority group of members of Mayflower Church, Detroit, that the constitution of the United Church of Christ impairs the independence of the local church.

The decision in the seven-year-old Michigan case "lays to rest the familiar claim of anti-union forces that the constitution would be held to be destructive of local church autonomy if it were subjected to construction by a court of law," says the Rev. Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, president of the United Church of Christ.

Soddy Church To Be Sold

The Soddy Church is no longer active and the property is being sold. The present arrangement is to have the members of the Soddy Church who desire it to affiliate with Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Sunday, February 23.

Rev. Arnold Slater, Mrs. Slater, and Mr. Herschel Franks of the Pilgrim Church are meeting with the Soddy Church to make plans.

New Hope Produces Drama

New Hope Congregational Church in Clio, Alabama, had at the Young People's Service January 12 a play reading by some of their young people, entitled "Land of Faith and Fear — Korea". The various characters were portrayed by young people in high school and college from the church.

What Valley District Youth Are Doing

Although the Valley District Youth Meeting for January was cancelled, young people of the district are at work in their own churches. LANGDALE Youth hold regular meetings and have gained several new members. Recently they visited Roosevelt State Park. Late in December they enjoyed a Christmas party.

At OAK GROVE, plans are being made to repaint the church signs, and also to make signs which other churches of the area can purchase. Recent discussions have centered on the Statement of Faith.

TODD CHURCH youth meet regularly on Sunday nights. Once each quarter they visit the elderly and shut-ins.

LaGRANGE UNITED young people have recently organized. Officers are: president, Kenneth Bailey; vice-president, Arthur Ridley; secretary, Charlene Coutant; treasurer, Marvin Blackwood; program chairman, Francis Gay. Advisors are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Shelnuitt.

Through the U. C. Y. News we learn also that Valley District President Bruce Stewart of Columbus, Georgia, has received a Congressional appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Bruce Stewart is a senior at Columbus High School. Congratulations and best wishes, Bruce!

Taylor Resigns At Howard

The Rev. Hycel B. Taylor resigned as pastor of Howard Congregational Church in Nashville, Tenn., effective February 23, 1969. He will become the University Minister, Dean of the Chapel of Fisk University in Nashville, as of March 1, 1969.

Mr. Taylor has been very busy over the past several years as pastor of Howard Church and as a student at the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University. During the summer of 1968, the Howard Church, under Mr. Taylor's leadership, cooperated with the John Calvin United Presbyterian Church in a North Nashville Ministry, providing recreation, organization, and a ministry to all the people in that area.

Southern Union News

For the first time in its 47-year history, Southern Union State Junior College has surpassed 500 enrollment. This indicates a 13% increase over registration for the same period last year, and a total of 535 students. This includes 482 in the day class program, with 43 in the evening class program.

The third recipient of the A. R. Van Cleave Scholarship, made possible by alumni of Southern Union State Junior College, is Miss Peggy Susan Knight of Wadley. Peggy is a member of Corinth Christian Church, where she is active.

Savannah Church Back In Renovated Sanctuary

"Having been moved out of our sanctuary for several months in order to renovate it, we have completed this job and are now back in it, making plans for our 100th anniversary celebration during April, 1969," reports Mrs. Madeleine V. Hannar, secretary of the Trustee Board.

Rev. Neil A. Mosley serves as minister of the church.

Church At Stearns, Ky. Has Student Pastor

The Stearns, Ky., Church now has Charles Hansel from Union College, Barbourville, Ky., serving as pastor. The church in Stearns is very small, but they do have services twice a month, first and third Sundays. The Women's Guild of the church meets with a fair attendance.

—Mrs. T. L. Mason,
Church Reporter

Central Church Honors Mrs. Laura Askren



At its Annual Meeting on January 24, Central Congregational Church in Atlanta honored one of its hard-working and faithful members, Mrs. Edward (Laura) Askren. The north wing of Central's new building is named "Laura Marcy Askren Educational Wing" and will be so marked with a plaque.

For many years, Laura has worked faithfully in the Church School and served a long period as Church School superintendent.

Mrs. G. B. Harris Has Fall

Mrs. G. B. Harris of Nashville, Tenn., a member of our First Church there and a member of OCWM Commission of the Southeast Conference, is now in her 80th year. She has attended the meetings of the Commission and has performed many tasks for that Commission.

On December 18, 1968, she fell down some steps and sustained some fractures and bruises, twisting her right thigh bone. She is better, but still suffers a great deal. She was not able to meet with the OCWM Commission on February 7 and 8 in Atlanta because of this fall.

May she have a speedy recovery.

Rev. William M. McCullars was elected to serve as interim minister at First Congregational Church, Columbus, Georgia, following the resignation of Edward Smallwood.

NEWS NOTES

Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, hears a variety of speakers. John Gustafson of the Daniel Construction Company in Birmingham spoke to the Supper Club on construction in Birmingham.

Don Rankin presented "The Church in Art, Then and Now" to the Women's Fellowship.

Charles Metcalfe of WBRC-TV presented a slide production, "To Every City There Is a Dream", to the Family Night. The story for the slide lecture was prepared by Mr. Don Brown, editor of *Birmingham Magazine*, for the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Harris of Langdale, Alabama, announce the birth of a son, Anthony Scott Harris, January 19, 1969. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of the late Winford L. Walters and Mrs. Walters.

The Lanett C. C. Church recently paid in full the grant mortgage of \$5,000 to the Board for Homeland Ministries. This helps the Board to meet the tremendous demand for financial aid to churches throughout the country.

The Southeast Conference ANNUAL MEETING

April 26-27, 1969

Central Church

Atlanta, Georgia

Centennial — Inanda, S. Africa

Inanda Seminary, near Durban, South Africa, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on March 1. This unique institution is the only private Protestant school for Africans in the country and the only African high school exclusively for the education of women.

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Creative Arts For Youth '69

If you read *Youth* magazine, then you know about *Youth's* 1969 Creative Arts Award Competition.

Do something original — "your own thing": a poem, a short story, a descriptive paragraph, a prayer, a sketch, a watercolor, a wood-print, an oil painting, a photograph, or a piece of sculpture.

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS will be given to each young person under 20 years of age whose piece of creative work is reproduced in *Youth* magazine in August 1969. Entries may be made in the following categories:

CREATIVE WRITING—Poetry, fiction, essay, editorial, humor, satire, true-to-life story, drama. (Note: creative writing entries will not be returned.)

ART WORK — Any type which can be reproduced in *Youth* magazine: abstract art, paintings, sketches, mosaics, prints, gags or editorial cartoons, story illustrations, or graphic designs. Size not larger than 12" x 15" due to mailing regulations.

PHOTOS — Send a black and white print of the photo you wish to submit. No limitation on subject matter, but it should be no larger than 12" x 15" and no smaller than 4" x 5". Place your name and address on back of each photo so it can be returned to you.

SCULPTURE — If you've done a sculpture, mobile, paper folding, or wood carving, submit one black and white photo or a group of photos which best present all the dimensions of your work.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Contestants must be younger than 20 years of age.
2. Entry must be original work of the contestant.
3. Each person may submit a total of five entries.
4. Each entry must be identified with the title of the work, contestant's name, age, home address. Please also indicate your local church affiliation.
5. **CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED**, so make a copy for yourself.
6. All contributions must be mailed no later than May 1, 1969.
7. Send entries to **CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS**, *Youth* magazine, Room 806, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Between The Dark And The Daylight"

A motion picture produced to provide church people with information on the root causes of world hunger and the role of the churches in relation to that of governments and private industry in helping the suffering to overcome them — this is the purpose of the new color 16mm sound film "Between the Dark and the Daylight".

In 28½ minutes the film illustrates dramatically how people of the "Have-Not" world exist suspended between the darkness of hunger, of ignorance, of disease, and of war . . . and the daylight of plenty, of knowledge, of health, and of peace. It tells how in India, Kenya, Taiwan, Jordan, Nigeria, Vietnam, Hong Kong committed individuals are illuminating that darkness—American, Indian, Korean, Chinese, African, each in his hungry and over-populated country.

From the Stewardship Council we have word that ideally this film should be shown immediately following the showing of another 16mm. film, "H-H Factor." Both films may be borrowed, for return postage, from the Southeast Conference office. Please give second choice of dates for their use.

Conference Youth . . .

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"Southeast Conference Youth Dues".

Because the Southeast Conference is spread over such a large geographical area, it is impossible for the Nominating Committee to know all the people qualified to serve as officers for 1969-70. Therefore, the present officers suggest that if your church has a senior high age young person you would recommend for nomination, please write some information about him or her on the back of that person's registration form, indicating qualifications.

Remember, send registration forms and \$6.00 as soon as possible — not later than March 1 (so the Huntsville Church may do its job more easily), to:

Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock
P. O. Box 29883
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
See you in Huntsville!

19102. After the judging is completed, all entries, other than Creative Writing, will be returned.

**LET'S HAVE SOME ENTRIES
FROM YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE
SOUTHEAST!**

Take The Children Outside

God is at work; go outside and see. Looking up to the sky through the leaves, the child meditatively said, "Windows to see God through." Is this a church-related experience?

Take the children outside for classes: plan a Vacation Bible School outside; help the children to attend camp.

Our joy and security rests on our faith in the presence of God; we build and support our Christian education programs so that all of us may grow in this faith. When we see the providence and power of God in this faith, and in the natural world, we are able more fully to meet life.

The open field, the woods, the lake shore can be places that invite peace to be companion to us; here, winds of heaven can bring sweet messages; and here, in gentle leisure, no hustle and bustle, a thought worth taking along with us can be said over and over so it stays with us. The thought can be shared with others if it has helped us.

We sometimes forget, however, that the world is not always so lush, so covered with great variety in its mountains, plains, deserts, and in its weather behavior. Processes of erosion on its surface and changes from within cause it to vary. Eras of drabness and eras of great beauty come and go. We happen to inhabit it in a particularly lush cycle. Let us lend our hands to God the Creator in conserving and nourishing it as it is now; let us appreciate it.

Children must be taught to see, and must be encouraged to pursue their natural curiosity; else the faith we cannot prove but which we hold through testimony will be small. When Christians feel the presence of God, they are grateful and are excited about knowing more about him. Is not the out-of-doors a great place for learning and feeling experiences?

And Nature, the old nurse, took
The child upon her knee,
Saying, "Here is a story-book
Thy Father has written for thee."
"Come, wander with me," she said,
"Into regions yet untrod;
And read what is still unread
In the manuscript of God."

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

God is at work; go outside and see!

— Mrs. Carl N. Sanford

Southeast Conference Basic Support Goals - 1969

Alpine, King's Chapel	240
Andalusia, Antioch	720
Andalusia, First	390
Athens, Trinity	90
Birmingham, First	1,530
Birmingham, Pilgrim	2,070
Birmingham, St. John	1,740
Brantley, Indian Creek	90
Brantley, Liberty	90
Caddo	390
Clio, New Hope	180
Cullman	1,260
East Tallassee	750
Garden City	264
Hackleburg, Fairview	150
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	300
Huntsville, United	1,753
Marion, 1st	150
Montgomery, First	570
Montgomery, United	570
Mountain Creek, Union	330
Selma, 1st	90
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	270
Talladega, 1st	330
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	600
Baker, Good Hope	180
Bonifay, New Effort	150
Ambrose, Christian	240
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	180
Atlanta, Central	7,205
Atlanta, First	4,620
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	960
Barnesville, Fredonia	480
Beachton, Evergreen	240
Braselton, Macedonia	300
Columbus, First	930
Columbus, United	390
Demorest	390
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	270
LaGrange, United	1,050
Macon	150
McIntosh, Midway	390
Pearson, Union Hill	457
Richland, 1st	120
Savannah, 1st	600
Thomasville, Bethany	120
Waycross, Williams Chapel	780
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	630
Evarts, 1st	1,210
Tougaloo, Union	302
Charleston, Circular	1,380
Charleston, Plymouth	810
Belvidere	2,640
Chattanooga, First	330
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	4,785
Crossville, 1st	1,422
Daisy	480
Deer Lodge	183
Glen Mary	90
Knoxville, 1st	1,980
Nashville, Brookmeade	930
Nashville, First	2,997
Nashville, Fisk Union	930

Nashville, Howard	630
Pleasant Hill	930
Robbins, Barton Chapel	143
Sweetwater, 1st U. C. C.	750
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	385
Haleyville, Union Grove	390
Headland, Blackwood	540
Houston, Liberty Hill	60
Moulton, Jones Chapel	150
Town Creek, Old Liberty	330
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	60
Bowman, Liberty	210
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	90
Enigma	330
Richland, Providence Chapel	210
Buford, Duncan's Creek	480
	\$59,341

EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Goals are set by the Association and include giving to the Association.

Antioch, Roanoke	250
Antioch, New Site	10
Bethany	250
Beulah	150
Bethel, West Point	100
Cavers Grove	—
Corinth	250
Elder	350
Forest Home	150
Huguley	150
Hillside	300
Hunt Memorial	50
Langdale	2,640
Lowell	500
Lanett	4,000
Mt. Zion	150
New Hope	250
Noonday	250
New Harmony	60
Oak Grove	750
Pisgah	50
Pleasant Grove	250
Roanoke, First	350
Rock Stand	250
Rock Springs	50
State Line	100
Todd	400
Phenix City	400
Wadley	420
Russell Woods	100

Andy Anderson Resigns

The Rev. Andy Anderson has resigned as pastor of the Antioch Church near Andalusia, Alabama, and of First Church in Andalusia, effective March 30, 1969. His future plans are not known at this time.

During the ministry of the Andersons, the Antioch Church has constructed a new parsonage.



James H. Lightbourne Is Elected Chairman

At the recent United Church Assembly in Milwaukee the following new officers were elected for the Council of Conference Executives:

Chairman—James H. Lightbourne Jr.
Vice-Chairman—Francis X. Pirazzini
Secretary - Treasurer — R. Vernon Lawson

R. Wilbur Simmons is retiring as Conference Minister of Montana Conference. New Conference Minister in Nebraska is Scott Libbey.

Millard Sims Receives Local Ordination

A service for the ordination of Mr. Millard E. Sims was held at Duncan's Creek Church on Sunday, Feb. 9, 1969. Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, chairman of the Committee on Church and Ministry of the Georgia - South Carolina Association, Southeast Conference, presided at the council.

Delegates were present from Bonanza, Brazelton, Demorest, Atlanta Central, and Duncan's Creek Churches. Other ministerial delegates who participated on the program were Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. David Beebe, Rev. Thomas Isbell, and Rev. Emilie Pitcock.

OMITTED IN JANUARY ISSUE

Serving Denominational Boards, Etc.:
Rev. John T. Enwright (B. W. M. Class of 1971), 32 Bull St., Charleston, S. C. 29401.

One Great Hour Of Sharing—It Happens March 16



"One Great Hour of Sharing is your 'direct line' to the body and soul of that starving Asian child; that eager African youngster who wants books to learn from, shoes with which to trod the stony road to school; that Arab refugee, widow and fatherless children who need more than a flimsy tent to survive; that Latin American farmer who desperately needs seed and fertilizer."

Predictions are that catastrophic hunger will be wide-spread in South America and China, as well as India and Africa in the mid-1970's.

This is the time to share with compassion and generosity.

Analysis of Expenditures of OGHS-SOS Money in 1968

Emergency Relief \$115,000
(includes Biafra)

Refugees	108,000
(world-wide, includes Vietnam)	
Food Production	175,000
(attacking root causes of world hunger)	
Community Development	225,000
(creating self-sufficiency through self-help projects and leadership training)	
Emergency Medical Assistance	87,000
Family Planning	60,000
Children and Family Life	45,000
Ministry of Fellowship	60,000
(a service that penetrates the Iron Curtain. Service to our G. I.'s.)	
Total	\$875,000

Some Dramatic Events of Hunger and Suffering in Today's World

1966 — Famine in India, thousands die of hunger, crops fail due to drought, not enough food.
1967 — Arab-Israeli War. Thousands suffer from hunger and exposure; ov-

UCC Congregation To Worship In Roman Catholic Sanctuary

Members of Broadway UCC in New York City have voted to accept an invitation to worship in the nearby Roman Catholic Church of St. Paul the Apostle each Sunday at 11 a. m.

Dr. Lawrence L. Durgin, pastor, said the congregation will worship in the Paulist sanctuary until it builds a new church. The congregation voted earlier not to repair its structure but lease the site to a commercial developer.

Although this arrangement means the Catholics will have to give up their Sunday morning high mass, Dr. Durgin said, "They realize that Protestants are more hopelessly wedded to the 11 o'clock hour than Catholics are."

Ground Breaking Held For First, Nashville

Ground breaking service for First E. & R. Church, Nashville, for the new educational wing was held on February 9, 1969, following the morning worship.

Board For World Ministries To Help Developing Nations

The overseas missionary board of the United Church of Christ has determined to invest a portion of its capital in projects for social and economic improvement of developing nations.

The United Church Board for World Ministries announced that it has purchased 1000 shares of the stock of International Basic Economy Corporation (IBEC) and is negotiating short term loans to IBEC subsidiaries for such projects as food production and distribution and housing construction.

er 100,000 made homeless in the period of a few days.
1968 — Civil War in Nigeria. 6,000 to 12,000 die daily from starvation due to war-imposed isolation and devastation.